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Click here to view Form [22-27](#), New Jersey Family Reunification Assessment.

WHEN TO USE IT

This form is used to review or determine permanency plans for children in out-of-home placement, by:

- Evaluating risk in the removal household,
- Documenting and measuring visitation compliance by parents and caregivers,
- Assessing safety in the removal household, and
- Making permanency planning recommendations and decisions.

Complete CP&P Form [22-27](#) as a permanency planning tool for:

- All families with an open protective service case in which at least one child is in out-of-home placement (including relative placements), with a permanency plan goal of "reunification;" and
- Non-removal parent households, when being considered as a reunification resource for the child.

TIME FRAMES FOR FORM COMPLETION

Complete the form at the following intervals:

- No later than three months from the date of placement;
- Every three months thereafter;

- Prior to any court hearing or Child Placement Review, to revisit the permanency goal and/or determine progress toward achieving case plan goals and objectives; and
- At any time a child is being considered for return home.

HOW TO COMPLETE IT

Complete this form in the NJ Spirit application, by accessing it through the NJ Spirit Desktop > Family Reunification Assessment Window > "any tab" > Options Drop-down. Only complete this template outside of the NJ Spirit application as part of a contingency plan when the application is unavailable. However, in doing so, you are still required to create the form in NJ Spirit when the application becomes available.

DISTRIBUTION

CP&P Form [22-27](#) is maintained and approved in the electronic case record. Print the form only when needed. A printed (i.e., "paper") version of the form is not necessary for CP&P case record files.